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THE POPULAR COMEDY OF
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In Three Acts.

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A GRADUATE from the UNIVERSITY OF
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For terms and further particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, 17th June, 1891.

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"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA,
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THE Steamship

"AFGHAN,"
Captain Golding, will be despatched as above
on or about the 25th inst.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 17th June, 1891.

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"NINGPO,"
Captain R. Köhler, will be despatched for the
above Port on FRIDAY, the 19th inst. at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, 17th June, 1891.

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above Port on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant,
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1891.

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FOR SALE!!

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Agents for the sale of the WAN AN
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supply the same in any quantities to suit buyers,
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SPECIAL QUOTATIONS TO LARGE
CONSUMERS.

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Hongkong, 6th June, 1891.

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WATERBURY WATCH.

SHIRTS L.—For Gentlemen, of large size.

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Watches less than a dozen turns.

Jewelled, Dust-proof Keyless, with
all the latest improvements. A
perfect and unexcelled timekeeper;
reliable, durable and accurate,
and also

SERIES E.—The "Good old favorite." The
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THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents in Japan, China,
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Hongkong, 20th February, 1890.

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Length.....75 feet.

Beam.....18 "

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Registered tonnage.....75 tons.

(Owing to recent alterations the carrying
capacity of the Montiar has been increased to
about 120 tons dead weight.)

The Montiar was built in Singapore, and is
most solidly constructed of teak throughout, with
iron and wood frames. She has recently been
thoroughly overhauled under experienced Euro-
pean superintendence, fastened throughout with
7 inch galvanised spikes, and newly re-dipped.
She is larch-plated with the best canvas sails.
Deck of water-tight.

For further particulars apply to
R. FRASER SMITH,
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Hongkong, 9th April, 1891.

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A SELECT FAMILY AND RESIDENTIAL

HOTEL, situated 1,400 feet above the

sea level, commanding on the one side a magni-

ficent view of the Harbour with the Maland in

the distance, and on the other of hills and moun-

tains, with the sea beyond dotted with islands as

far as the eye can reach, surrounded by extensive

promenades and pleasure grounds, including

three good Tennis Courts. The Mount Pro-

menade alone is nearly an acre in extent.

The Hotel is replete with every accommo-

dation for Families and Gentlemen.

The Manager, Mr. ROBERT ISHERWOOD,

will be assisted by an Efficient Lady Staff, and

the Hotel will be conducted upon the best Eng-

lish system. The accommodation comprises a

spacious Dining Hall, Private Dining Rooms,

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Private Sitting Rooms, with Fifty-four Bedrooms

each provided with separate Bath-room and

every convenience.

Tramway Tickets will be supplied to Visitors

at Reduced Rates.

For terms apply to the Secretary at the

Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road

Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1891.

1874

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

MR. OSBORNE begs to announce that this

convenient half-way House on Shan-
wan Road is now open.

The HOTEL commands a beautiful View,
and is situated in a cool and breezy spot.

There is a convenient landing jetty opposite
the Hotel for launches.

The best Brands of WINES, LIQUORS,
CIGARS, &c., always on Stock. MEALS can
be served at any hour. Prompt attendance.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1891.

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THE SHAMEEN HOTEL.

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Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably

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Rooms, and accommodation generally, will be

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The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every

luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expe-

rienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, &c., of the best

quality only.

A. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890.

1847

THE BOA VISTA.

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THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one

of the best and healthiest parts of Macao,
and commanding an admirable view, facing the

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Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with

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Hold, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths.

Large and well ventilated Dining, Billiard, and

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Mrs. MARIA B. DOS REINHOS,
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Intimations.

W. S. MARTEN,

ARTISTIC DECORATOR,

3, DUDDELL STREET,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1891.

1812

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER

Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1891.

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AN ANTISEPTIC PAINT, for the Preserva-

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Wooden Sheds, Farmers' and Gardeners' tools,

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Especially suitable for all damp places, and

prevents the decay of wood and timber.

White ants do not touch wood painted with

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Used during the last 14 years with the utmost

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Sold in casks of about 450 lbs. net, Price

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1884.

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A SOUND BREAKFAST CLARKE

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\$1.50 A DOZEN,

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Hongkong, 4th June, 1891.

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mation concerning China, Japan, and all the other

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1891.

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Intimations.

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BY ALESSANDRO FILIPPINI, OF DELMONICO'S.

For Twenty-five Years Mr. Filippini has been with Delmonico, and is now Manager of the

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365 BREAKFASTS. 365 LUNCHEONS. 365 DINNERS.

134 Recipes for Soups; nearly 100 Sauces; 102 Ways of Cooking Eggs; 40 Salads;

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THIS work is endorsed by the Delmonicos. Mr. Filippini's experience in Culinary Art is

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Diners given by the crowned heads of Europe. The results of a life-time of careful study are

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It is infinitely greater than a mere cook-book; for while it gives many more recipes than other

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what is best and most economical, and how to dress a table and serve meals.

PRICE \$4, OR IN EXTRA BINDING \$6.50.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1891.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the

MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held TO-

MORROW, the 18th instant, at 4.15 p.m., in the

Room of the Chamber, City Hall, to con-

sider the Bill introduced in the Legislative

Council by the Honourable J. J. KISWICK

termed.

As Ordinance to amend the Law in respect to

the Sale of Shares in Companies registered

under the Hongkong Ordinances 1855 to

1888 and in other joint Stock Companies.

By Order,

F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1891.

1871

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 30th

inst., both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1891.

1873

THE STOCK SHARE AND DEBENTURE INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS FOR ORDINARY SHARES

will be received at the Hongkong and

Shanghai Bank until the 2

For a sign of "no occupation" it would seem that Wong Hoi Chiu, who displayed his goods for sale at the Police Court on the 15th inst., is far from a failure. The charge against the "accused" was that of obtaining \$300 by means of a trick—and a very honest, moss-green trick at that. Li Sui, the defrauded man, was house-collie to Mr. E. D. Sassoon, 11 November 1889, and had to do the family market shopping. One morning, when returning, he saw the fortune-teller at the street distributing good omens at stilleriously low rates, and as he intended to buy a pair of 36 beads in the Welsh Lottery, Lifediched, he was so farward as to stop and ask him to give him a good omen, which was the favorite. "There must be something about Li that indicated veranday," the fortune-teller invited him to drop in on the resident dijn next morning, and he did. "I am doing some worshipping," he told Mr. Wisdom. "I put my ear to a jar. I heard a sound which gave the fortune-teller a dollar to make an image, which I was to take home and worship for seven days." (Lots of people chio-cho the sanctity all their lives, by the way—but resume.) "About a fortnight later the fortune-teller took me to the house of the defendant, who was a very clever magician, and could be very better. 'Defendant,' he said, 'take \$100 of money. I gave him \$50; and he said, 'I will buy twelve safes to hold all the gold.' 'The reads like a real Hongkong prospectus.' 'He told me to put his feet of gold, and some precious stones, in each of the safes when I got them, and then the safes would bring the gold.' A second Becker. 'I said I had no more money, and he suggested that I should sell a few of my children and get some. About a month later a servant in our house gave me \$100 change, and, thinking I should get it all back next day, I took it to the defendant. He put it in a box, and said, 'In another tin, I will give them to me, with a letter, and the letter will give them to the house.' He told me, the next time I went, and when I opened them, the twelve safes were full of money. Next morning, I opened one tin, but it only contained pie. I also read the letter, which said that I was not to be afraid. 'We are prospecting fresh ground, and hope to find gold, silver, and diamonds, and other things, etc.' (Mining Manager), but to say I lost the money at gambling; I should see him in Court. I went to the house again, but the defendant had gone. With the aid of Inspector O'Connell, however, the promised ransom was brought about, varied slightly from the original arrangement, matter being assured, until he met Mr. D. M. P. Mr. P. W. on the 18th inst. Wong, Hoi Chiu, the prophetic genius, who acted as good fair Mr. Sassoon's boy, was brought up on remand for the evidence of Mr. Sassoon's butler, as to the \$100 being given to prosecutor to change, was taken, and prisoner was asked what he had to say about it. He protested that the whole affair was quite new to him, and he had never seen the

THE OFFICIAL SALARIES QUESTION.

DETAILS OF PUBLIC OPINION.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication by the Hon. P. Ryrie, T. H. Whitehead and Ho Kai.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1891.
His Excellency Major-General George Digby Barker, C.B., Officer Administering the Government.

Sir,—We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 797 of 13th instant, in reply to ours to your Excellency of 13th idem.

We should be glad if your Excellency would kindly supplement the information therein given, by informing us of the date of the receipt of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State's telegram to which your Excellency refers.

We have the honor to hand you herewith a letter, dated 14th instant, addressed by us to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to request that you will forward it at your earliest convenience. We have forwarded a copy to Lord Knutsford by the outgoing mail.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient humble servants,
(Signed) P. RYRIE,
HO KAI,
T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1891.

To The Right Honorable The Secretary of State for the Colonies, London.

My Lord.—On the 24th April last the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong forwarded to your Lordship a telegram worded as follows:—

"Unofficial Members Council dissatisfied with financial position and prospects, request increase salaries further consideration required regarding material. Governor declines forward telegram."

2. We have now to confirm that telegram and to ask leave to explain to your Lordship how it happened that we communicated with you direct and not, as is the usual course, through His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, and why it is that we have ventured to request that the payment of the salaries of the officers of the local government at the increased rates approved of by us in the Estimates for the current year should be delayed until we have had an opportunity of addressing your Lordship on the subject.

3. The second half of the military contribution for the year 1890-91, which was paid over to the military chest before the 31st December last, it became necessary to apply to the Council for a vote or rebate for the money. During the course of the debates in Finance Committee and in Council on this vote, the whole question of the financial position of the Colony and its ability to bear the burden of this expenditure was necessarily brought under consideration and the Unofficial Members came to the conclusion that they had acted unwisely in sanctioning the permanent charge on the revenue involved in the increased salaries voted for the present year, and as the estimates for the year, the Appropriation Ordinance, and their recommendations on the subject of salaries, were under your Lordship's consideration, they moved in Council, with a view to obtain a reconsideration of the whole subject and asked His Excellency the Governor to telegraph to you to withhold your sanction for the present and until they could submit to you their views and opinions on the subject.

4. They were overruled in Council, a motion by Mr. Whitehead and an amended motion by Mr. Kewick being rejected wholly by the official vote, and His Excellency Sir G. William Des Vaux refused in a letter to us dated 24th April last to which they beg to call your serious attention, to communicate with your Lordship by wire, informing you of the views of the Unofficial Members of their intention to remonstrate with you on the subject, and of their request that you should direct your telegram direct to your Lordship, and that they should be your prompt instructions to the Government here, of the 25 April, to suspend payment of the increased salaries till they hear further from your Lordship.

5. It may be as well to mention here that it was only yesterday, and by the Officer Administering the Government, that they have been informed of your action in the matter.

6. The undersigned beg most respectfully to inform your Lordship that they are preparing for submission to you an exhaustive memorandum on the financial position of the Colony, which they regard as unsatisfactory, and they think it may become worse before improvement sets in. They assure you that in their opinion the Colony is not in a position to bear the heavy outgoings for public works, the increased and increasing military contribution, the large additions to the permanent official staff, and the heavy additional charge on increased salaries. All interests in the Colony are in a very depressed condition and there seems little prospect of improvement in the near future. Trade is unprosperous and the violent movements in the silver markets have adversely affected and still unfavorably influence it.

7. If the military contribution is to be paid, and especially if, in a few years, it is to be increased, the Colony cannot afford the permanent increase to its expenditure entailed by the increased salaries and the Unofficial Members of Council think it not unreasonable that as these increases have not yet been sanctioned and are still under consideration no possible injustice can be done in suspending their operation for another year to allow of a fresh study of the financial position. They see at the moment no other direction in which the retrenchment they deem so necessary can be put in force.

8. The undersigned therefore most earnestly entreat your Lordship to direct for the current year the payment of the enhanced rates of salary to the Government officers in the Colony, and to wire instructions to that effect to permit them to lay before you the memorial they are preparing on the position of the Colony and its financial prospects, and to order a reconsideration on the spot of the entire subject.

9. We venture to ask your Lordship to view with some degree of caution the memorandum submitted by the subject on the subject of the Legislative Council table on the 24th idem, by Governor Sir G. William Des Vaux, and of course forwarded to you. It was prepared, we submit, in somewhat great haste and under all the disadvantages of falling health. Several of its statements have already been successfully contested by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and we are sorry we cannot accept it as a correct statement of the financial position.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Lordship's most obedient humble servants,
(Signed) P. RYRIE,
HO KAI,
T. H. WHITEHEAD.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1891.

GENTLEMEN.—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, and

to inform you in reply to the second paragraph, that the telegram to which you refer was received on the 3rd instant.

With regard to your request that the Officer Administering the Government will forward to Lord Knutsford the letter which you enclose, and a copy of which you mention you have already forwarded by post, I am directed by His Excellency to draw your attention to rules Nos. 218, 219, and 220, of the Colonial Office regulations, copies of which are attached, and to ask you to be good enough to state, for His Excellency's information, whether you have any special reasons for adopting the irregular course of communicating direct with the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) F. H. MAY,
Private Secretary,
The Honourable P. Ryrie, Dr. Ho Kai, T. H. Whitehead.

Extract from Colonial Office Rules and Regulations.

Rule 218.

Every individual has, however, the right to address the Secretary of State, if he thinks proper. But in this case he must transmit such communication, unsealed, and in triplicate, to the Governor or Administrator, applying to him to forward it in due course to the Secretary of State.

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1891.

His Excellency Major-General George Digby Barker, C.B., Officer Administering the Government.

Sir,—We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from your Private Secretary of yesterday's date in which we are informed that your Excellency has received our letter of the 16th instant with its enclosure dated 14th idem.

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Excellency the Officer Administering the Government our hearty thanks and acknowledgments for his courtesy in forwarding by mail of 20th instant our letter of 14th idem to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

May we again express our regret that we should, without having ascertained His Excellency's views on the subject, have forwarded the copy of our said letter direct through the Post Office.

We very much regret that any inconvenience should be caused to the Government by any little delay on our part in forwarding and forwarding to Lord Knutsford our Memorial on the "Salaries" question. We may point out that the greater portion of the delay is attributable to the action of His Excellency Governor Sir G. W. Des Vaux in delaying for so long the publishing of his undelivered speech or Memorandum on the condition and prospects of the Colony. We could not usefully deal with the various points for consideration until we were in possession of his opinions and of the information collected by him. Our Memorial is now however in course of preparation and will be sent in promptly.

That any delay in its transmission can, in any way, with the framing of the Estimates for next year we are unable to understand, as the Estimates rarely come before the Council earlier than October each year.

The Estimates for 1892 may well be framed on the old scale of Salaries. A supplementary estimate authorizing any increased payments which may be sanctioned would be a very simple matter.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servants,
(Signed) P. RYRIE,
HO KAI,
T. H. WHITEHEAD.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Hongkong 5th June, 1891.

GENTLEMEN.—Referring to your letter No. 797 of the 13th ult., I am directed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to transmit to you, for your information, copy of a despatch received by this day's mail from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, containing the further instructions, referred to in the telegram from Lord Knutsford mentioned in that letter, regarding the payment of the increased salaries of Government Officers voted on the Estimates for this year.

2. You will observe that Lord Knutsford does not agree in the view expressed in Mr. Whitehead's motion in the Legislative Council on the 10th of April, that "in consequence of the enhanced military contribution still demanded by the Imperial Government," this Colony is not in a position to pay the increased salaries.

3. His Excellency is, however, aware from the correspondence subsequent to your letter of the 14th of April, that you do not now base your objection to the increase of salaries on any particular ground, but on the general ground that the Colony is not in a financial position to afford the extra expenditure involved by such increase.

4. Being anxious, therefore, that you should have no cause of complaint that action should have been taken in this matter before the Secretary of State was in possession of the views which you at present entertain, His Excellency has despatched to Lord Knutsford a telegram of which I enclose a copy.

5. In conclusion I wish to point out that if a decision is arrived at in this matter before our promised explanatory memorandum on the question you have asked, it will be entirely owing to the extraordinary delay on your part in forwarding that memorandum.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. M. G. GODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. P. Ryrie, Dr. Ho Kai, T. H. Whitehead.

SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR, HONGKONG.

Drawing Street, 7th May, 1891.

Sir,—With reference to the telegraphic communication noted in the Morning Post of 10th inst. increase of salaries in the Hongkong Civil Service, I have the honor to inform you that I received a telegram from Mr. Ryrie on the 24th ult. in the following words:—"Unofficial Members Council dissatisfied with financial position and prospects request postpone increase salaries further consideration required regarding material. Governor declines forward telegram."

* Telegram from Governor 24th May.

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I gather from the proceedings in the Legislative Council as reported in the Mail Supplement to the Hongkong Daily Press of 25th March last, that the suggestion to reconsider the question of paying the increased Salaries was made "in consequence of the enhanced Military Contribution still demanded by the Imperial Government."

I am unable to admit that the decision as to the Military Contribution forms any valid ground for postponing the grant of the increased salaries since those salaries were voted on the Estimates for the current year, at the same time that the increased Military Contribution was voted, and the position has not since been altered.

I see no reason to doubt that the Colony can well afford to meet both of these charges. Mr. Ryrie is reported in the above mentioned newspaper to have stated "in Council that all public works had been stopped, and to have argued therefore that the Colony could not afford to pay the increased Military contribution. It is possible that Mr. Ryrie may have been led to use this argument through a misapprehension as to the intention of my telegram of the 19th of February last, which requested you to take no steps till further order, as commenced by the public works since received from which you will have learned that it was not my wish that such works should be indefinitely postponed, but merely that some of them should be postponed pending the completion of such as were more urgent since the Public Works Department could hardly undertake all of them at the same time.

I did not suggest that the Colony could not meet the cost of all of the works, if gradually executed, although as implied in the third paragraph of my despatch No. 39, a loan might probably be necessary, as was contemplated some years ago, to enable some of the larger works to be carried out. The necessity for such a loan was admitted before either the question of increased Military Contribution or of increased salaries was raised.

I am always ready and willing to give the most attentive consideration to any representations made by the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, more especially when they are tinged with the finance of the Colony, but as there appears to be no change in the financial position and prospects of the Colony since the Estimates for this year were considered by the Council, I see no reason for further postponing the scheme of increased salaries, and I therefore authorize you to bring it into operation as from 1st January last, with the modifications suggested in my despatch No. 71 of the 3rd ult. and in this despatch should be laid before the Council.

I have, Sir,
(Signed) KNUTSFORD.

Gentlemen.

5th June, 1891.

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Despatch salaries received consider myself quite justified in now paying them, but to give the 3 Unofficials every satisfaction, I report that on 20th May, I forwarded their memorial referred to in my telegram of 24th April which in brief states objection on financial position of colony promising further explanatory memorandum not yet received.

Do not recommend further delay, but should be glad to receive telegraphic instructions.

8th June, 1891.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

11th June, 1891.

GENTLEMEN.—Referring to my letter No. 797 of the 8th instant, I am directed by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to transmit to you, for your information, copy of a telegram which His Excellency received this morning from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the payment of the increased salaries of officers of this Government.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. M. G. GODMAN,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honorable P. Ryrie, Dr. Ho Kai, T. H. Whitehead.

SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR, HONGKONG.

Referring to your telegram of 8th June, carry out instructions in my despatch of 7th May.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on

